

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

: Ross Armstrong et al.

Application No.

10/764,267

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For

APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR APPLYING A STRAP

AROUND A BUNDLE OF OBJECTS

Examiner

Sameh H. Tawfik

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Docket No.

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Date

March 31, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 20, 2005, please extend the period of time for response 3 months, to expire on April 20, 2006. Enclosed is a Petition for an Extension of Time with the requisite fee.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, claims 19-27. This election is made without prejudice to filing any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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